

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A terminal, comprising:
remote-switching means for transferring telephony services,
wherein the remote-switching means allows the transference of telephony signals from a first wiring system of a first telephony provider to a second wiring system of a second telephony provider,
wherein the second telephony provider is a cable communications system.
2. (Original) The terminal of claim 1, wherein the remote-switching means allows the transference of wiring to provide local number portability (LNP).
3. (Currently Amended) The terminal of claim 1, further comprising:
control software for receiving a command signal from the second telephony provider and for providing a command message; and
a management information base for receiving the command message and for controlling the remote-switching means wherein the remote-switching means is responsive to a command signal transmitted by the second telephony provider.
4. (Currently Amended) The terminal of claim 1, the remote-switching means ~~comprising:~~
~~control software for receiving a command signal from the second telephony provider and for providing a command message; and~~ comprising at least one switch connected between the first and the second wiring systems, the at least one switch responsive to the command message.
5. (Currently Amended) The terminal of claim 1, further comprising a tuner for tuning to a predetermined frequency, wherein command signals and other information provided by the second telephony provider are subsequently received in the predetermined frequency, wherein the terminal has an associated ~~includes an~~ identifiable address, and wherein the second telephony provider transmits a command signal in the predetermined frequency ~~to the terminal~~ using the identifiable address.
6. (Currently Amended) The terminal of claim 1, further ~~comprising~~ ~~comprising:~~ a central processing unit including a management information base, wherein the second telephony provider requests and receives via the central processing unit a current status of the management information base, wherein the current status indicates one of receiving telephony services from the first or the second telephony provider. (CPU), ~~comprising:~~
~~_____ a management information base for storing a terminal address; and~~

~~_____ control software for receiving a command signal from the second telephony provider and for providing a command message indicating the transference of signals.~~

7. (Original) The terminal of claim 1, further comprising at least one subscriber line interface controller for receiving and providing the telephony signals to a telephony device.

8. (Canceled)